

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF RAILROAD MEN Frisco Employees and Monett Citizens Take Action on Impending Rail- road Legislation

About three hundred railroad men and citizens met at the Y. M. C. A. building, Monday evening to further discuss the railroad measures now before the state legislature.

The meeting was called to order by W. J. Mills and R. C. Farrow was unanimously selected as chairman and John Patton as secretary.

The opening address by Chairman Farrow was as follows:

I appreciate the honor of presiding over this great meeting of our railroad men more than words can express. I don't believe that there is a better time in a man's life than when he has the privilege of presiding over a body of men like this. I have been employed with the Frisco for 15 years but I must say that I have never seen so many railroad men assembled together as there are here at this meeting. Will say for the men of this terminal that it shows that they are not selfish, that they are not only working for their own interest but they are doing the best they can for those for whom they are employed. I wish to say that this is a meeting for great improvement in railroad conditions and you have taken hold of it from this point of view.

A number of speeches were made by business and railroad men. Col. A. M. Peel made the principal address of the meeting and he said he would be willing to go to Jefferson City, if necessary, and work for the bill for increase in passenger and freight rates which is necessary to improve the conditions of the railroads and their employees.

E. A. O'Dwyer, president of the Commercial Club, in behalf of the Club endorsed the raise in rates and signified his willingness to also go to the capital if necessary to present the railroad's cause to the legislators.

Ex-Mayor Prettyman, of Neosho, was present and addressed the meeting. Other speeches were made by C. C. Mills, F. T. Watson, W. H. Lipe, O. W. Bruton, Dr. A. S. Hawkins, Dr. C. T. Dusenbury and G. N. Patterson.

All present were urged to wire our senator and representatives to work and vote for the increased rates. Petitions were presented and signed by all present.

The meeting was full of enthusiasm and the just cause of the railroads were fully discussed.

Following is the speech made by Col. A. M. Peel:

"Mr. Chairman and Fellow Citizens:

"I was very much surprised late this afternoon when a committee of railroad men came to me and extended me the invitation of delivering an address to this assembly tonight. You all know that I am not a railroad man and if there is anything that I know nothing about it is the practical work of the railroads but I am a reasonably close observer and I can observe conditions. When I see and realize adverse conditions all around me I begin to look around and find out what brings about these conditions. In other words I try to reason from cause and effect.

"I dare say that it is absolutely useless to spend time in discussing this matter with the people assembled here tonight in order to induce them to support the legislation or relief sought. I deem it unnecessary to tell the cause of the distressing conditions of railroads in Missouri.

"In my opinion, the prime cause of all the trouble is an over-dose of populist anarchistic legislation. This class of opposition to railroad interest has not been confined to the state of Missouri but it has spread over the entire country, especially in the Central and Western states where railroads are doing work and expending more money for the revenues obtained than any other part of the country. However the days of reckless legislation against our great industries has passed and pop-gun politicians whose efforts have always been to make themselves popular with certain classes of our people in order to keep themselves in office.

"Some men are now thinking over the mistakes made by former legislatures and are endeavoring to remedy the mistakes made. In fact this day

is one of education and evolution. Education by experience is the best practical men can have. Even the barking small board politicians are beginning to realize that jumping on great industries is not what they thought it was. We are to congratulate ourselves upon having at Jefferson City a very strong and conservative legislature. Men who are seemingly trying to remedy wrongs and advance the progress of the country. I hope and believe that this legislature will give the railroads of the state the relief asked for.

"Few men realize that the railroad business is the greatest industrial activity in the world and when crippled by adverse and antagonistic legislation it doesn't only effect the railroad industry and the millions of men employed by them but it permeates every industry in the United States. There are none so great or so small that are not effected by these unwise, adverse laws. Everybody knows that the railroads are the great commercial industries in the country and their benefits to the whole people should be recognized and their interest protected so that the bankrupt conditions as now exist among them should never occur again.

"It is impossible for the railroad to maintain its equipment, its road bed, its stations and pay its men without sufficient revenue earned by the road with which to do so. We have to accept the figures and statements made by men in position to know what the earnings of Missouri roads are. If we doubt these then it is up to us or the people to prove to the contrary all of which they cannot do. The evidence that these figures and statements are correct, especially with the Frisco System, is the deplorable condition of its equipment, road bed, and unemployed labor. Great industries like railroads do not wilfully let their property go to ruin, make tramps of their employees for the fun of it. There must be a basic reason for these conditions which we see around us. Therefore we must accept their figures and statements as true because they are corroborated, in fact proven, by bankrupt conditions in which these industries find themselves.

"The only connecting link between employed labor and great industries is money or wages. Eliminate this connecting link by wildcat legislation and the employer and employees separate and the wheels of progress slow up and finally stop and it is at this time the dog fennel thrives upon the streets and the fox digs his hole unscared. It is the duty of every citizen at heart to join in effort of remedying the causes of this great depression. We should demand of the legislature of the state of Missouri relief and I believe if the matter was properly brought before that body, which is composed largely of men who know but little about the workings of railroads, and show them that it is a deplorable condition that we are facing and not a theory they will give us the relief the railroads are asking for.

"It is wonderful that these conditions haven't brought about labor panics and business disturbances to a greater extent than it has. And under these conditions we may well look for these great disturbances, the end of which no man can contemplate. I ask that every citizen, great or small, get behind this movement and help start the wheels of commerce and prosperity in our section and the entire country."

REBEKAHS MEET

The Rebekahs met Monday night in their regular business meeting. Mrs. J. F. Campbell, who was unable to be installed Noble Grand at the regular installation, was seated by District Deputy, Mrs. C. H. Ring.

The lodge voted to contribute to the public park fund by individual donations which will be presented to the park committee in the name of the order.

Mrs. W. J. Mein was unanimously re-elected captain of the degree staff.

John Groh and son, of Freistatt, and Arthur Groh, of Monett, went to Kansas City, Tuesday night to attend the automobile show.

Dr. W. M. West is attending the automobile show at Kansas City.

CITY PARK ASSURED

Sunshine Club has Succeeded in Getting Everyone Interested in City Park Movement. Large Sum Already Pledged

For several years the Sunshine Club and other organizations of Monett have been agitating the question of a public park. Within the past week the matter has been brought to a focus by the Sunshine ladies and a city park is now an assured thing.

An option has been secured on twelve lots on West Broadway. The tract is wedge shaped, fronting on Broadway, First and Central. On Broadway there is a 175 foot front and running north and south the tract is 463 feet.

All along the west side are large shade trees. A few more trees will be needed on the east. A small house on the land will be for sale. A cottage on the corner of Broadway and First streets, if it can be purchased will be used, if the women's plans are carried out, for a kindergarten and keeper's quarters.

On the north side, the promoters figure, would be the proper place for a public library when the town is able to secure one.

All lodges and other organizations of the city will contribute to the fund. A large sum has already been promised and the amount necessary will be quickly raised. The purchase price set on the land is very reasonable and the opportunity to get a park at a reasonable figure may never occur again.

PACKING HOUSES FOUND GUILTY BY SUPREME COURT

Fined \$25,000 Each for Violation of Anti-Trust Laws

Special to the Daily Times.

Jefferson City, Feb. 9, (2:30 p. m.)—The Supreme court this morning adjudged Armour, Swift, Morris, Hammond and St. Louis Dressed Beef Packing Company guilty of violating the anti-trust law and fined them \$25,000 each. It suspended other matters pending the payment of the fine on March 11.

AUTOMOBILE BURNED

Charles Birkenbach, of Basil, Kan., son of August Birkenbach of Monett, had the misfortune last Sunday to have his new Reo automobile burned.

Mr. Birkenbach was going from Basil to Cleveland when he discovered that his car was on fire. He got out and thought he had distinguished the fire. Leaving the car by the side of the road he started to find an insurance representative, to examine the car. After going a short distance he looked back and saw the car was afire again. This time it burned all but the engine and rear wheels and was a total loss. He carried \$1,000 insurance. He does not know what caused the fire.

Earl Spain, while working in the Frisco yards, Monday, had the misfortune to run a large splinter into his hand, making a painful wound.

A SWEET STORY

Chas. Van Giesen, who was for some years engaged with the Frisco here, but who has been engaged in the bee business in Idaho and Washington until recently, was in here Tuesday on his way to visit relatives at Seligman.

Last year Mr. Van Giesen's colony of bees produced twenty tons of honey and the year previous thirty tons. He disposed of his bee business last fall.

BRITISH LOSS IS 104,000

London, Feb. 8.—Premier Asquith speaking in the House of Commons today, said that British casualties in all ranks in the western arena of the war, from the beginning of hostilities to February 4, amounted to approximately 104,000 men, killed, wounded and missing.

MAY MAKE TWO

STATES OF TEXAS

Austin, Tex., Feb. 6.—Unexpectedly, the bill to split Texas into two states, the Panhandle region to be made the state of Jefferson, was reported favorably today by the senate committee on constitutional amendments. The ultimate fate of the bill is now problematical.

ORGANIZED PAST PATRONS AND PAST MATRONS CLUB

Former Officers of Monett Chapter O. E. S. Organize Themselves Into a Business and Social Club

On Wednesday, February 3 a meeting of past worthy patrons and past worthy patrons of Monett Lodge No. 190 Order Eastern Star met at the home of S. A. Chapell and effected an organization for social and business purposes.

Monett Chapter has been organized twenty-five years and every worthy patron is still living. Several of the worthy patrons have died. Many of the officers have moved away but those remaining in Monett will meet once or twice a month and enjoy exchange of ideas on the work of the order and enjoy social evenings.

The officers of the club are: president, Mrs. C. W. Johnston; vice president, Mrs. J. L. Hobbs; secretary, Mrs. E. S. Wilson; treasurer, Mrs. A. L. Jenks.

The first meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Johnston, Wednesday evening. Mrs. Johnston will be assisted by Mrs. J. P. Westbay, Mrs. S. A. Chapell and Mrs. J. A. C. Kellogg.

Members of the club living in Monett are Mesdames C. W. Johnston, C. C. Mills, S. A. Chapell, Sig Solomon, Flora Kahn, S. A. Mott, George Feist, W. K. Martin, Laura Leckie, A. L. Jenks, J. A. C. Kellogg, E. S. Wilson, J. L. Hobbs, R. C. Farrow, D. L. Stone, R. M. Callaway, H. P. S. Burke, S. C. Mills, J. P. Westbay, John Lopp, Misses Nellie Mills and Bertha Jeffries, Messrs. W. R. Breece, C. C. Mills, D. Wilkerson, Sig Solomon, George Feist, H. I. Bradford, O. W. Bruton, J. L. Hobbs, R. C. Farrow, James Wells, W. H. Mills, H. P. S. Burke and S. C. Mills.

PRESIDENT MAY COME

TO KANSAS CITY

Mr. Wilson's Conditional Promise to Kansas City Callers

Washington, Feb. 8.—If President Wilson goes to San Francisco in March to attend the Panama-Pacific Exposition he will stop off at Kansas City and deliver an address. The President so informed Representative W. P. Borland, C. D. Parker, E. M. Clendening and W. T. Bland, jr., who called on him today and invited him to visit Kansas City.

Mr. Wilson said he would make the proposed Western trip unless he was prevented by an extra session of Congress and that Kansas City would be included in his speaking itinerary.

ELITE CLUB GIVES

NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT

The Elite Club gave another of their unique entertainments on Monday evening, this time a progressive dinner party and dance.

The first stopping place was the home of Misses Maude and Lucy Gibbons. Here the house was beautifully decorated in St. Valentine's honor. The lights were red shades and red hearts were in evidence in all parts of the rooms. Small tables were set with red and white carnations and valentine place cards as decorations. The first course of the dinner was served here, consisting of oyster cocktails, cream of tomato soup, celery, olives and coffee.

At 8 o'clock the guests were conducted to the home of Miss Erna Dusenbury. Here on a large table was served turkey, French peas, dressing, cranberry sauce, potatoes, gravy and coffee. Candles furnished the lighting.

At Miss Mildred Morrow's home the third course consisted of Tuna fish salad, fruit salad and black coffee.

Leaving Miss Morrow's the party went to the home of Miss Helen Lehnhard where they danced to th music of the Victrola until very late. The party was a success and much enjoyed by the club and their friends.

Those attending were Misses Erna Dusenbury, Cora Lester, Margaret Edgar, Helen Lehnhard, Gladys Price, Mildred Morrow, Josie Cassidy, Lucy and Maude Gibbons, Blanche Clutter and Edna Green, Messrs. Wm. Grey, Houston Temple, Floyd Callaway, J. V. Nelson, Fred Gibbons, Roy Watson, Earl Callaway, Dick Mills, Geo. Rice, Frank Caldwell, John Farrow and Carl Saxe.

THE DEATH RATE GOES UP

From 13.9 Per 1,000 in 1912 Mortality Increased to 14.1

Washington, Feb. 8.—A death rate in 1913 of 14.1 per 1,000 of the estimated population in the registration area of the United States, compared with 13.9 per thousand in 1912, is shown in a report today by the census bureau. The number of deaths in the registration area containing about two-thirds of the population, was approximately 890,948.

Washington state showed the lowest rate, being 8.5 per thousand, while New Hampshire's was the highest, with 17.1. The lowest rate shown in 1913 by any of the fifty registration cities with populations of 100,000 or more in 1913, was that for Seattle, which was 8.4, while Memphis showed the highest with 20.8.

The average age at death for both sexes, from all causes combined was 39.8; for men 39.2, for women 40.6. Nearly 18 per cent of all deaths were of infants less than 1 year old, and more than 25 per cent were of children less than 5 years old.

The death rate from tuberculosis declined from 149.5 per 100,000 population in 1912 to 147.6 in 1913. The rate from cancer rose from 63 per 100,000 in 1900 to 78.9 in 1913. The number of suicides was 9,988, the rate being 15.8 per 100,000, compared with 16 per cent in 1912.

ALL ANTI-SALOON

BILLS WILL PASS

DRY LEADERS SAY

Provision Preventing Resort To the Referendum Will Be Retained in the Measures

Jefferson City, Feb. 8.—Leaders of the dry forces in the senate and house said today that they expected to carry through both houses all pending anti-saloon legislation with provisions that such bills shall not be submitted to a vote of the people by a referendum.

The principal measures are those requiring the closing of saloons at 9 p. m., prohibiting saloons within five blocks of any building used for religious, educational or charitable purposes, and establishing precinct local option in the larger cities.

To each of these bills the "drys" have attached a clause providing that they are in the interest of the "immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety," and that, therefore, they are excepted from the referendum by the constitution."

BETHEL

Miss Lillie Russell went to Purdy, Monday.

Clarence Goodnight, who has been sick in Kansas so long, came home, Wednesday. He stood the trip fine and is getting along nicely.

Rev. Lowe filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Albion Erickson visited Mr. and Mrs. Aultie Kennedy, Sunday.

Paul Reynaud was kicked by one of his mules last Saturday. It made a pretty bad wound but we hope it will not prove fatal.

Mr. and Mrs. Algine Poyner visited at A. J. Russell's, Sunday.

The babies of Ollie Ennis and Sherman Erickson are reported sick.

SNOW DROP.

STABS DAUGHTER OVER SUTOR

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 9.—J. S. Brown, a railroad employe, stabbed his 24-year-old daughter with a knife last night following a quarrel which resulted from the young woman's persistence in corresponding with a man her father warned her against. The man came to town yesterday and met Miss Brown. When Brown learned of it last night he called the young woman from her bed and stabbed her. Her condition is dangerous and her father is held at police headquarters.

THE FRISCO DEEP WELLS

The new Frisco deep well at the round house is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

The drill is now down 225 feet and the entire distance, except the first 48 feet, has been through solid limestone.

Mrs. Halstenburg, of northeast of town, was shopping here, Wednesday.

Arthur Burrows, of Purdy, is seriously ill.

Miss Grace Waite is ill this week and unable to be at the postoffice.

F. E. Moad's three year old son is ill with pneumonia.

R. M. Cooper, of Joplin, was in town, Wednesday.

Miss Schad, of Purdy, was shopping here, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blankenship, of Purdy, were in town, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mills visited in Springfield, Monday.

Mrs. W. W. Spain is quite ill this week.

Miss Orpha Bayless, of Cassville, is visiting her friend, Mrs. S. T. Clutter.

The school house at Exeter burned down last Friday night.

Mrs. J. U. Vermillion is ill this week with tonsillitis.

Mrs. W. S. Taylor is ill with a nervous breakdown.

S. A. Chapell went to St. Louis, Tuesday night.

Mrs. R. C. Inman left Wednesday morning for St. Louis.

Mrs. P. L. Freeland, of Purdy, was in town, Wednesday.

Mrs. Krehmeier, of Freistatt, was shopping here, Tuesday.

Wm. Smerdon made a business trip to Kansas City, Tuesday night.

Mrs. Chris Williams is very ill this week with a chronic trouble.

Miss Mildred Morrow will go to Neosho, Friday, to attend a dance.

"Time spent with the spade is better than time spent with the hammer."

Jas. Jones, of Duenweg, is in the city taking treatment with Drs. Jones & Barnhill.

Mrs. H. B. Westenhaver was called to Purdy, Wednesday, on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rouse, of Purdy, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Alvin Bradford.

Jesse Cook, of Rogers, Ark., came, Tuesday, to visit his son, C. C. Cook, and family.

Mrs. C. C. Morgan is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Spain on Sidway's ranch for a few days.

B. P. McCaslin was called to Coyville, Kan. this week by the illness of her mother.

Barney Mulrenin's condition makes no improvement for the better and is considered serious.

Miss Dorothy Lynde, of Buffalo, N. Y., is visiting her uncle, C. B. Wagner and family.

Mrs. C. B. Woodruff left Tuesday for a visit with relatives at Hardy, Ark.

Mrs. Walter Arnold and children have gone to Lowell, Ark., for an extended visit with relatives.

Miss Myrtle Shepherd, who visited friends here, has returned to Seligman.

The man who must have everything run according to his dictation or will sulk in his tent is not worthy of serious consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. Mart Randolph are both ill this week. Mrs. Randolph has rheumatism and Mr. Randolph has a bad case of grippie.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie D. Rice, of Neosho, spent Tuesday with George Morrow and family. They were on their way home from Springfield.

Mrs. R. Watson, of Eureka Springs, Ark., who spent a week with relatives and friends in Monett, left Monday for Purdy, where she will visit a few days before returning home.

Rev. Weiklein, of Springfield, was in town, this week and held communion service at the Episcopal church, Tuesday. Tonight he will hold another service at the church.

Joe Pauline, a boy who claimed he was from Springfield, was arrested Tuesday morning on the charge of stealing a pair of gloves at the Frisco depot.

Has Used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for 20 Years

"Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been used in my household for the past twenty years. I began giving it to my children when they were small. As a quick relief for croup, whooping cough and ordinary colds, it has no equal. Being free from opium and other harmful drugs, I never felt afraid to give it to the children. I have recommended it to a large number of friends and neighbors, who have used it and speak highly of it," writes Mrs. Mary Minke, Shortsville, N. Y. Obtainable everywhere.